

The President announced the recess appointment of Michael V. Dunn as a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of James A. Dorskind as General Counsel at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced the recess appointment of James V. Aidala as Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances at the Environmental Protection Agency.

The President announced the recess appointment of Kenneth Lee Smith as Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced the recess appointment of Edwin A. Levine as Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information and Chief Information Officer at the Environmental Protection Agency.

December 22

The White House announced that the President received recommendations from Interior Secretary Babbitt for designation of five new national monuments in California, Montana, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and intends to make decisions on those recommendations in the coming weeks.

The President announced the recess appointment of Fred P. DuVal as a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced the recess appointment of Beth S. Slavet as Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The President announced the recess appointment of Shibley Telhami as a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

The President announced the recess appointment of Anita Perez Ferguson as Chair of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced the recess appointment of George (Buddy) Darden as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned *sine die* on Friday, December 15, 2000, no nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released December 18

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Statement by the Press Secretary on the release of funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and NSC Senior Director for European Affairs Antony J. Blinken on the U.S.-EU summit meeting

Announcement: Highlights of U.S.-EU Cooperation Under the New Transatlantic Agenda

Report of the Transatlantic Economic Partnership Steering Group to the Meeting of Trade and Economic Ministers at the U.S.-EU Summit

Fact sheet: International Crime Threat Assessment

Released December 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Released December 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, OMB Deputy Director for Management Sally Katzen, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation Gary Claxton on protection of medical privacy

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs P.J. Crowley on the Middle East peace process

Statement by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the death of John Lindsay

Released December 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's meeting with local Muslim leaders honoring the holy month of Ramadan

Released December 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Jake Siewert

Statement by the Press Secretary on the Archibald Schaffer case

Statement by the Press Secretary on Interior Secretary Babbitt's recommendations to designate five new national monuments in California, Montana, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Acts Approved by the President

Approved December 15 *

H.J. Res. 133 / Public Law 106-543
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes

Approved December 19

H.R. 3048 / Public Law 106-544
Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000

H.R. 4281 / Public Law 106-545
ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000

H.R. 4640 / Public Law 106-546
DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000

H.R. 4827 / Public Law 106-547
Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000

*This law was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

S. 1972 / Public Law 106-548
To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park

S. 2594 / Public Law 106-549
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes

S. 3137 / Public Law 106-550
James Madison Commemoration Commission Act

Approved December 20

H.R. 3514 / Public Law 106-551
Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance, and Protection Act

H.R. 5016 / Public Law 106-552
To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "J.T. Weeker Service Center"

Approved December 21

H.R. 4942 / Public Law 106-553
Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4577 / Public Law 106-554
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001

H.R. 2903 / Public Law 106-555
Striped Bass Conservation, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Management, and Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act of 2000

H.R. 5210 / Public Law 106-556
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South George Street in York, Pennsylvania, as the "George Atlee Goodling Post Office Building"

H.R. 5461 / Public Law 106-557
Shark Finning Prohibition Act